SSHA UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING
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Brenda Maldonado-Rosas
Advises:
- Critical Race & Ethnic Studies
- History
- Undeclared SSHA

Carolyn Barranco
Advises:
- Global Arts Studies Program
- Psychology major/minor

Kitsya Macias
Advises:
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Economics

Kou Her
Advises:
- All SSHA Transfer students
- Cognitive Science
- Philosophy
- Management and Business Economics (Last name A-L)

Lauren Brackett
Advises:
- English
- Spanish
- Public Health
- Management and Business Economics (Last name M-Z)

Evelyn Cardona
Student and Instructional Services Assistant
ACADEMIC ADVISING AT UC MERCED

- Professional-based advising/no advising load for faculty
- Students assigned to an academic advisor by major
- Orientation to graduation (Transfer students)
  - First Year students advised by Bobcat Advising Center
    - Move to School advisor during their second year
- Consultation & collaboration
- FERPA
WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS?
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FALL 2019

- 74% all UG are first generation, 56% Hispanic (HSI institution)
- 58% Pell Grant Recipient
- 42% of UG students are SSHA majors
  - Psychology (28%)
  - Management and Business Economics (19%)
  - Public Health (11%)

Data obtained from: Institutional Research and Decision Support (irds.ucmerced.edu)
& Center of Institutional Effectiveness (cie.ucmerced.edu)
Academic program support
Implement and enforce policies and procedures
Communication to students
Campus events
Advising Appointments & Walk-In Hours Daily
- Peek times of semester operate on walk-ins only
Professional Staff Experts in Majors Advise
- Cross Trained in all Majors
Refer Students to Other Departments on Campus
Degree Planning
Petitions
SSHA GETS SOCIAL

- Website
  - Advising Walk-In Hours
  - Advising Staff Information
  - Major/Minor and General Education Information
  - Important Dates and Deadlines
- Email
  - Faculty Course Enrollment Approval
  - SSHA Update
- Instagram, Facebook and Twitter
  - Upcoming Dates and Deadlines
  - SSHA Workshops
  - Resources On Campus
TRANFER STUDENT SUPPORT

- **New Transfer Students**
  - Course articulation submissions: Academic advisors help identify the courses that will need to be submitted for faculty review.
  - Graduation Plan Meetings: Set a one-on-one meeting to set up their graduation plan.
  - Lower division transfer students connect with our Peer Mentors during their first term to obtain peer to peer support in their transition to UC Merced.

- **Continuing Transfer Students**
  - Academic Support
  - One-on-one advising
  - Coordinate with on campus transfer support programs to promote academic success.
PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS

Bobcat Day and Preview Day
- Provide information about SSHA majors and minors to interested and incoming students and their parents
- Opportunity for students and parents to meet advisors and current faculty

New Student Orientation
- Students learn about SSHA, school and university policies, co-curricular opportunities, and tips on how to be a successful UC Merced student
- Occurs the day before Fall instruction begins
- Opportunity for new students to participate in the Bridge Crossing
- Attend success workshops within first weeks of term and meet other new students
- Kick-off to the academic year

ASCEND New Student Conference
- Mid-Semester grades must be submitted for all lower division (001-099) courses.
- Students who earn 2 or more non-passing grades (D,F,NP) must complete an in-person academic intervention meeting

Mid-Semester Grade Intervention
- Program designed to help students with transition from high school to college
- Semester planning
- Registration questions
- Finding useful and relevant campus resources
- Filling out forms
- Understanding major and minor requirements

SSHA Peer Mentor Program
- Academic Probation (AP)
  - At the end of term, students on academic probation receive a email notification encouraging them to take advantage of campus resources
- Subject to Academic Dismissal (SD)
  - Students on subject to academic dismissal submit appeal. If approved, student remain on special probation.
  - Required to meet with an advisor 2 to 3 times per semester and sign an academic contract with the goal of returning to good academic standing the following term